REVISED MOLECULAR LINE PARAMETERS OF AMMONIA

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The line parameters of ammonia for the HITRAN and GEISA databases have been revised using new laboratory studies of line positions and intensities measured at 0.0056 and 0.011 cm⁻¹ resolution with the McMath Fourier transform spectrometer located at Kitt Peak National Observatory. The vibrational bands analyzed recently are 2nu_2 and nu_4 between 5 and 8 micron and 2nu_4, nu_1 and nu_3 near 3 micron. To characterize the 5 micron window, several hot bands have also been studied; these include 3nu_2 (s) - nu_2 (a), 3nu_2 (a) - nu_2 (s), nu_2 + nu_4 (s) - nu_2 (s) and nu_2 + nu_4 (a) - nu_2 (a) located at 1416., 1963., 1608. and 1618.cm⁻¹, respectively. For this longer wavelength region, more than 1600 line intensity measurements have been modeled to 5% for the cold bands and 8% for the hot bands so that a complete spectrum can be predicted from theoretical models. To complete the database, empirical expressions for foreign-broadened line widths (derived by Nemtchinov from measurements at 10 micron) have been applied to all ammonia transitions up to 2 microns.

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